MAUI

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS CHECKLIST

WHEN AND HOW TO BOOK ALL YOUR KEY ACTIVITIES!

MAUI NO KA OI

Don't Wait Until It's Sold Out!

Haleakala sunrise, Mama's Fish House, and the best tours can sell out weeks or months ahead.

Use this checklist to stay on top of your timelines and reservations.

3+ Months Out

- Lodging and car
- Mama's and luau
- Haleakala cabins

Step 1

60 Days Out

- Haleakala sunrise
- Merriman's

Step 2

30 Days Out

- Waianapanapa
- Iao Valley

Step 3

1-2 Weeks Out

- Tours & Aurum
- Golf & whale watching
- Ocean Center

Step 4

Wailea Oasis Condo

2-3 MONTHS ☐

2BR/2BA at Grand Champions, Wailea

Our 2-bedroom, 2-bath condo at Grand Champions, close to Wailea's best beaches, golf and shops. Check dates and book direct to save 10% versus Airbnb/Vrbo.

Book 2 to 3 months ahead, or 3 to 6 months out for Jan-Mar and holidays.

ribbonrockmaui.com/book/

Rental Car: Kihei Rent A Car

WITH FLIGHTS ☐

★ 4.8 on Google (1,051 reviews)

A well-reviewed local agency in Kihei, a few minutes from Wailea. The big rental car agencies at Kahului Airport (OGG) and Turo are other solid options.

Book once your flights are locked in. Pick free cancellation and rebook if prices drop.

(808) 879-7257 · kiheirentacar.com

Mama's Fish House

18 MONTHS ☐

★ 4.8 on Google (11,968 reviews)

Maui's most famous restaurant, on a little cove near Paia, serving locally caught fresh fish. Lunch is an easier reservation to get and costs a bit less.

Up to 18 months ahead, by phone only, 9 AM to 9 PM HST.

(808) 579-8488 · mamasfishhouse.com

Old Lahaina Luau

2-3 MONTHS ☐

★ 4.7 on Google (5,008 reviews)

Maui's most popular luau, with traditional hula and a Hawaiian feast by the ocean in Lahaina. If it's full, Te Au Moana in Wailea is a great backup.

Book 2 to 3 months ahead, longer for traditional floor seating, which sells out first.

(808) 667-1998 · oldlahainaluau.com

Haleakala Wilderness Cabins

6 MONTHS ☐

Haleakala National Park ★ 4.9 on Google (12,259 reviews)

Three rustic cabins on the crater floor, a 4 to 9 mile hike in. These overnight huts run about $75 a night. Bring a sleeping bag, food, and a water filter. For the adventurous!

Rolling availability, book 6 months ahead at 7 AM HST. Max 3 nights in 30 days.

(808) 572-4400 · recreation.gov

Haleakala Sunrise

60 DAYS ☐

Haleakala National Park ★ 4.9 on Google (12,259 reviews)

Watch the sun come up at 10,000 feet elevation. It's often near freezing at dawn, so bring warm layers and some hot beverages!

60 days ahead at 7 AM HST, plus a smaller release 2 days ahead.

(808) 572-4400 · recreation.gov

Merriman's Kapalua

60 DAYS ☐

★ 4.7 on Google (2,882 reviews)

Farm-to-table pioneer Peter Merriman's restaurant, on the Kapalua coastline with one of Maui's best sunset views. Allow over an hour from Wailea.

60 days ahead at midnight HST. Ask for an outdoor sunset table.

(808) 669-6400 · merrimanshawaii.com

Waianapanapa State Park

30 DAYS ☐

★ 4.7 on Google (5,014 reviews)

The black sand beach on the Road to Hana, with sea caves and a coastal trail. Out-of-state visitors need a reserved time slot for entry and parking.

Up to 30 days ahead. Booking closes one day in advance, so reserve before you go.

(808) 248-4843 · gostateparks.hawaii.gov

Iao Valley State Monument

30 DAYS ☐

★ 4.6 on Google (5,533 reviews)

A lush valley with the famous Iao Needle, about 45 minutes from Wailea. An easy hour-long visit that pairs well with lunch in Wailuku.

Up to 30 days ahead. Required for out-of-state visitors.

gostateparks.hawaii.gov

Aurum Maui

1-2 WEEKS ☐

★ 4.7 on Google (274 reviews)

Chef Taylor Ponte's island bistro at The Shops at Wailea, with local dishes like Kona kampachi crudo and hand-rolled gnocchi. Just minutes from our Wailea Oasis condo.

A week or two ahead on OpenTable, more for weekend dinners. Happy hour is 2 to 5 PM.

(808) 793-0054 · aurummaui.com

Helicopter: Blue Hawaiian

1-2 WEEKS ☐

★ 4.9 on Google (4,178 reviews)

The only way to see Maui's hidden waterfalls and West Maui valleys up close. Flights leave from the Kahului Heliport next to the airport.

1 to 2 weeks ahead. Schedule for early in your trip in case weather postpones flying.

(808) 871-8844 · bluehawaiian.com

Molokini Snorkel: Kai Kanani

1-2 WEEKS ☐

★ 4.9 on Google (2,800 reviews)

Sails to Molokini Crater right from Makena, the closest departure to Wailea. The water is calmest and clearest in the morning.

1 to 2 weeks ahead. Go on one of your first mornings in case weather postpones.

(808) 879-7218 · kaikanani.com

Whale Watch: PacWhale Eco-Adventures

1-2 WEEKS ☐

★ 4.7 on Google (3,031 reviews)

Nonprofit whale watches led by Pacific Whale Foundation naturalists from Maalaea Harbor. Peak season runs January to March.

1 to 2 weeks ahead, December through April.

(808) 249-8811 · pacificwhale.org

Lanai Ferry: Expeditions

1-2 WEEKS ☐

★ 4.6 on Google (343 reviews)

A passenger ferry from Maalaea to Manele Harbor on Lanai. Snorkel Hulopoe Bay, and watch for dolphins and whales on the ride.

1 to 2 weeks ahead, more in winter. Book both directions.

(808) 661-3756 · go-lanai.com

Golf: Wailea Golf Club

1-2 WEEKS ☐

★ 4.6 on Google (268 reviews)

Championship golf with ocean views, minutes from Wailea Oasis. Afternoon tee times cost much less than morning rounds.

1 to 2 weeks ahead, earlier for holidays.

(808) 875-7450 · waileagolf.com

Maui Ocean Center

A FEW DAYS ☐

★ 4.5 on Google (11,145 reviews)

Hawaii's largest aquarium, in Maalaea about 20 minutes from Wailea. A perfect plan for a rainy or windy afternoon.

A few days ahead online for the best price. Last entry is 4 PM.

(808) 270-7000 · mauioceancenter.com

No Reservation Needed

Many of Maui's best activities require no planning at all. Some of our favorites include:

Wailea and Makena beaches
Exploring Wailea Beaches

Mai tais at home or out
Shiver Me Mai Tais!

Make a lei
Lei Making in Hawaii

The Road to Hana drive
Is the Road to Hana Worth It?

Pickup pickleball
Maui's Public Pickleball Scene

Brewery hopping
The Very Best Breweries in Maui

Tiki bar night
Maui Tiki Bars and Culture Explained

An Upcountry day
Upcountry Maui Itinerary

A slow Wailea breakfast
Best Breakfast in Wailea

Movie night on the lanai
The 12 Best Movies About Hawaii